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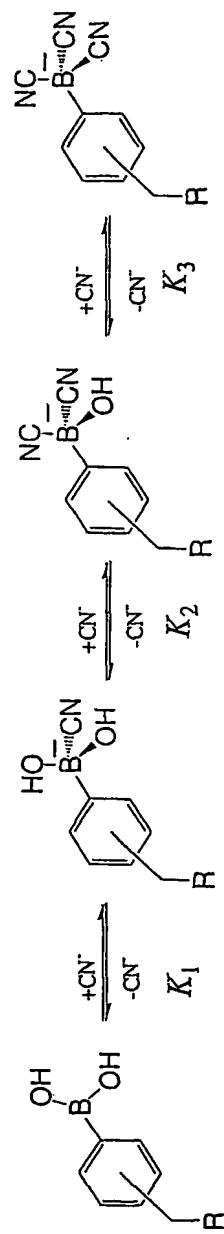
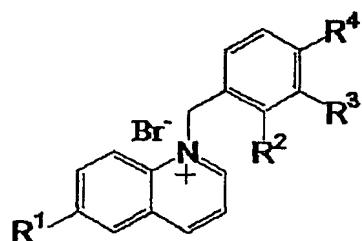


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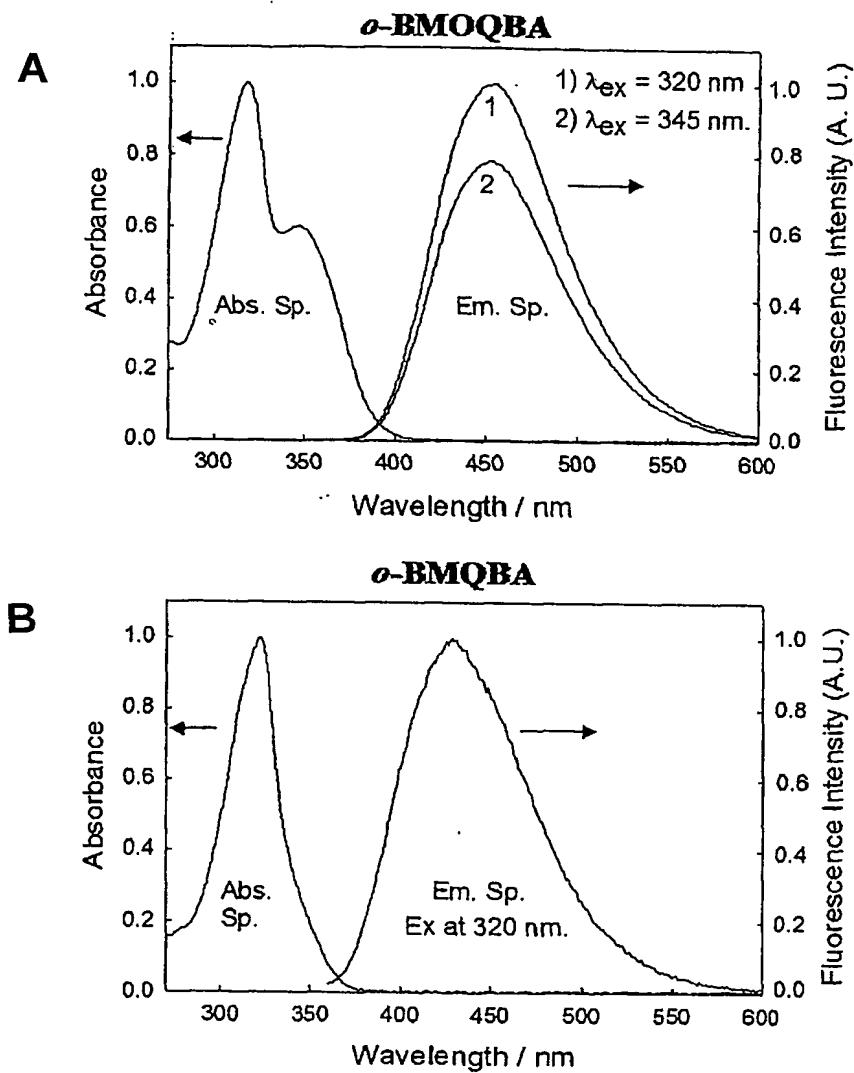
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Probe	R <sup>1</sup>	R <sup>2</sup>	R <sup>3</sup>	R <sup>4</sup>
<i>o</i> -BMOQBA	OCH <sub>3</sub>	B(OH) <sub>2</sub>	H	H
<i>m</i> -BMOQBA	OCH <sub>3</sub>	H	B(OH) <sub>2</sub>	H
<i>p</i> -BMOQBA	OCH <sub>3</sub>	H	H	B(OH) <sub>2</sub>
BMOQ	OCH <sub>3</sub>	H	H	H
<i>o</i> -BMQBA	CH <sub>3</sub>	B(OH) <sub>2</sub>	H	H
<i>m</i> -BMQBA	CH <sub>3</sub>	H	B(OH) <sub>2</sub>	H
<i>p</i> -BMQBA	CH <sub>3</sub>	H	H	B(OH) <sub>2</sub>
BMQ	CH <sub>3</sub>	H	H	H

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**FIGURE 3**

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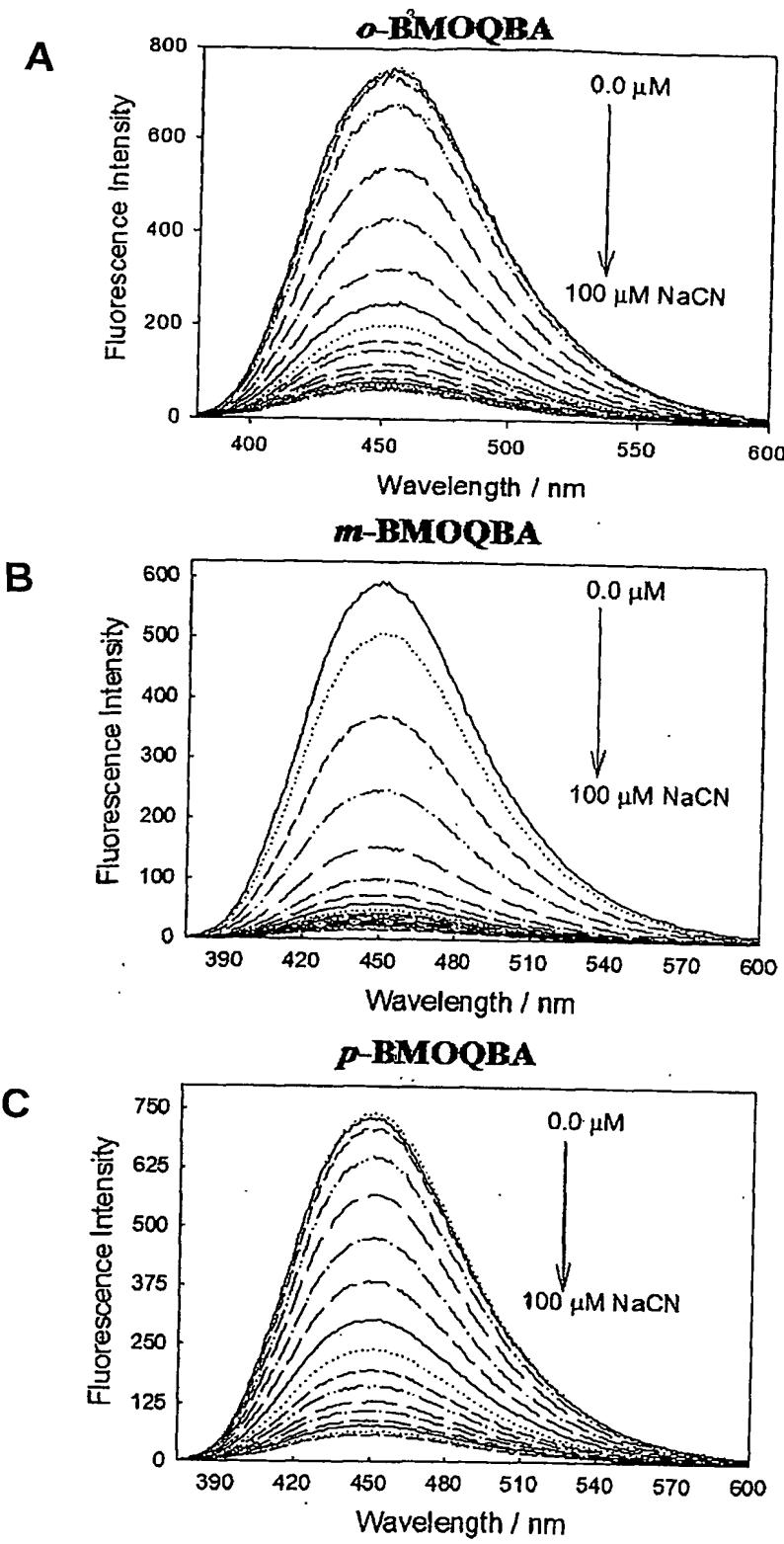
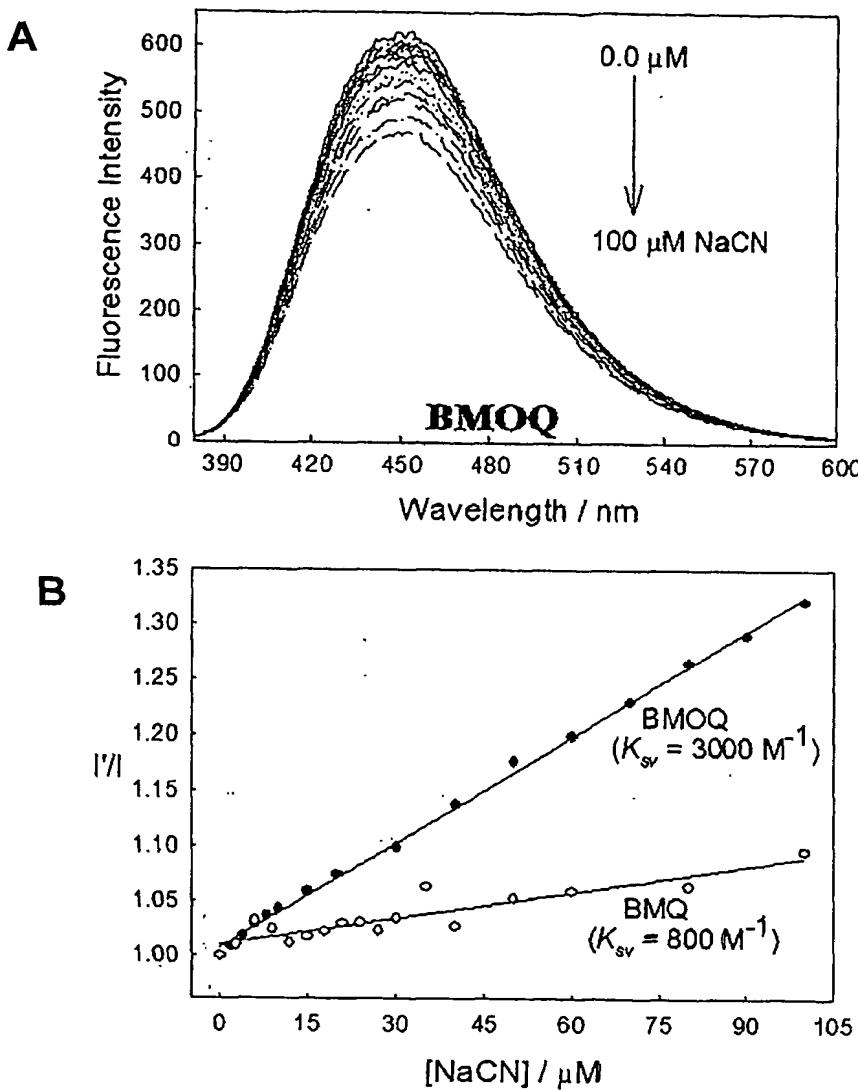


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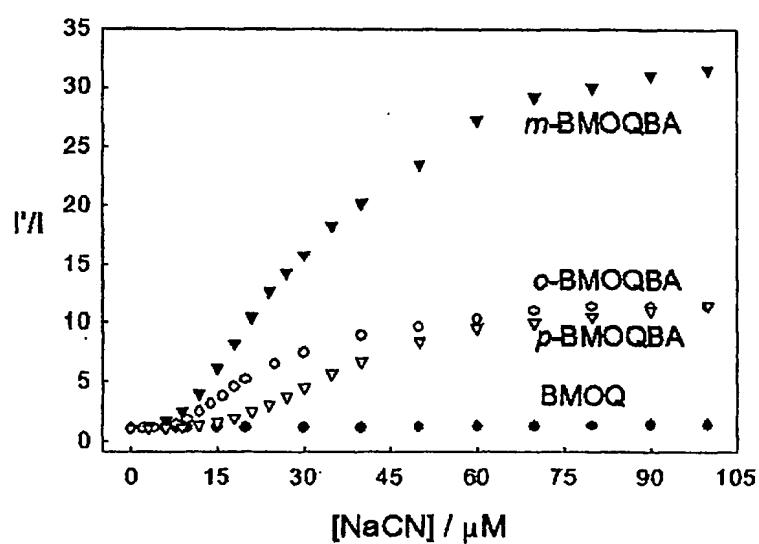


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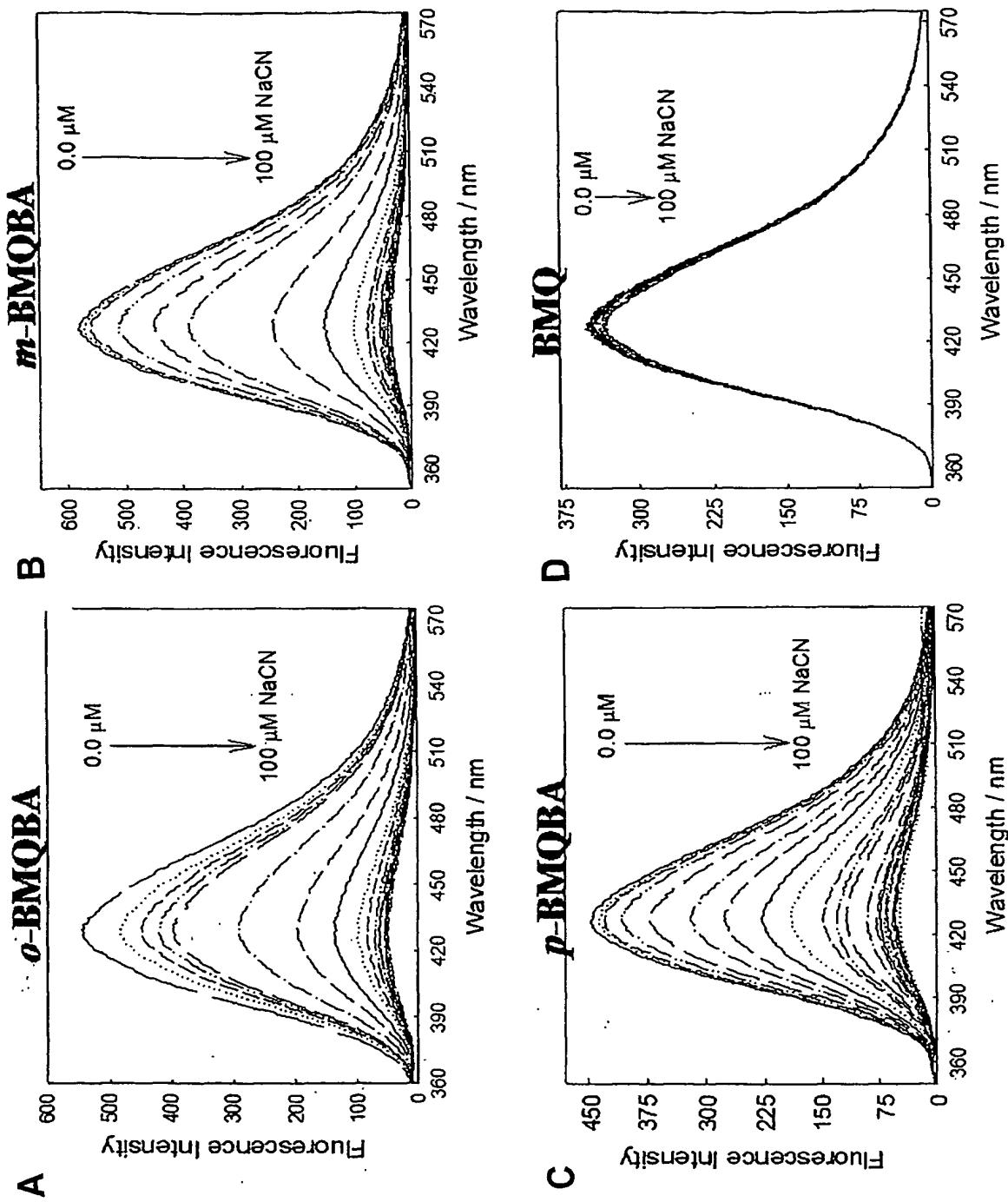
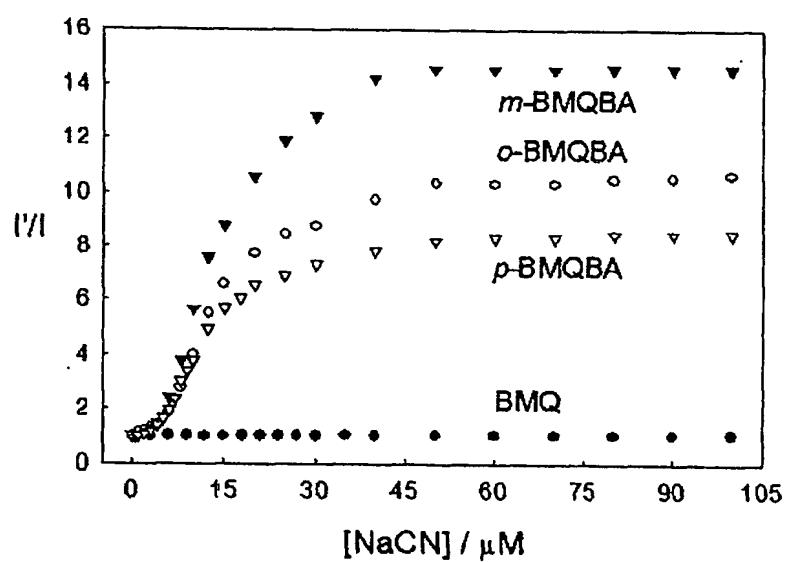


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**Table 1** - Dissociation constants,  $K_D$  ( $\mu\text{M}^3$ ), for the probes with cyanide in water.

Probe	$K_D$ ( $\mu\text{M}^3$ )
<i>o</i> -BMOQBA	52.9
<i>m</i> -BMOQBA	84.0
<i>p</i> -BMOQBA	20.8
BMOQ	---
<i>o</i> -BMQBA	16.7
<i>m</i> -BMQBA	16.9
<i>p</i> -BMQBA	15.9
BMQ	---

**FIGURE 9**

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**Table 2 – Multiexponential Intensity decay of BMOQ and o-BMOQBA**

[Cyanide] μM	$\tau_1$ (ns)	$\alpha_1$	$\tau_2$ (ns)	$\alpha_2$	$\bar{\tau}$ (ns)	$\langle \tau \rangle$ (ns)	$\chi^2$
<b>*o-BMOQBA</b>							
0	26.71	1.0			26.71	26.71	1.33
5	26.33	1.0			26.33	26.33	1.13
10	26.34	1.0			26.34	26.34	1.21
15	26.19	1.0			26.19	26.19	1.30
25	24.78	1.0			24.78	24.78	1.23
35	0.324	0.0160	25.54	0.9840	25.53	25.14	1.35
45	0.326	0.0184	25.10	0.9816	25.09	24.64	1.46
50	0.455	0.0176	25.20	0.9824	25.19	24.76	1.41
<b>*BMOQ</b>							
0	27.30	1.0			27.30	27.30	1.08
5	27.04	1.0			27.04	27.04	1.10
10	26.74	1.0			26.74	26.74	1.12
15	26.53	1.0			26.53	26.53	1.06
20	26.25	1.0			26.25	26.25	1.14
30	25.86	1.0			25.86	25.86	1.17
40	25.37	1.0			25.37	25.37	1.05
50	25.00	1.0			25.00	25.00	1.16

\*  $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 372$  nm, emission was collected with a 416 nm cut-off filter. BMOQ  $K_{\text{sv}} \approx 2$  nM<sup>-1</sup>.

**FIGURE 10**

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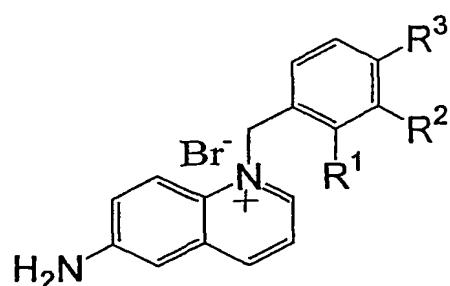
**Table 3 – Multiexponential Intensity decay of BMQ and o-BMQBA**

[Cyanide] μM	$\tau_1$ (ns)	$\alpha_1$	$\tau_2$ (ns)	$\alpha_2$	$\bar{\tau}$ (ns)	$\langle \tau \rangle$ (ns)	$\chi^2$
<b>*o-BMQBA</b>							
0	2.18	0.4646	4.74	0.5354	4.01	3.55	1.00
5	2.14	0.4615	4.45	0.5385	3.78	3.38	1.12
10	2.28	0.5704	4.75	0.4296	3.78	3.34	1.04
15	1.86	0.3265	3.64	0.6735	3.29	3.06	0.97
20	1.88	0.3476	3.69	0.6524	3.30	3.06	1.04
30	1.44	0.1762	3.27	0.8238	3.11	2.95	1.21
40	1.92	0.3511	3.59	0.6489	3.21	3.00	0.90
50	1.87	0.3320	3.58	0.6680	3.22	3.01	1.07
<b>*BMQ</b>							
0	2.59	1.0			2.59	2.59	1.07
5	2.58	1.0			2.58	2.58	1.09
10	2.59	1.0			2.59	2.59	1.07
15	2.57	1.0			2.57	2.57	1.02
20	2.57	1.0			2.57	2.57	1.12
30	2.55	1.0			2.55	2.55	1.08
40	2.55	1.0			2.55	2.55	1.14
50	2.55	1.0			2.55	2.55	1.17

\*  $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 372$  nm, emission was collected with a 416 nm cut-off filter. BMQ  $K_{\text{sv}} \approx 0.4$  nM<sup>-1</sup>.

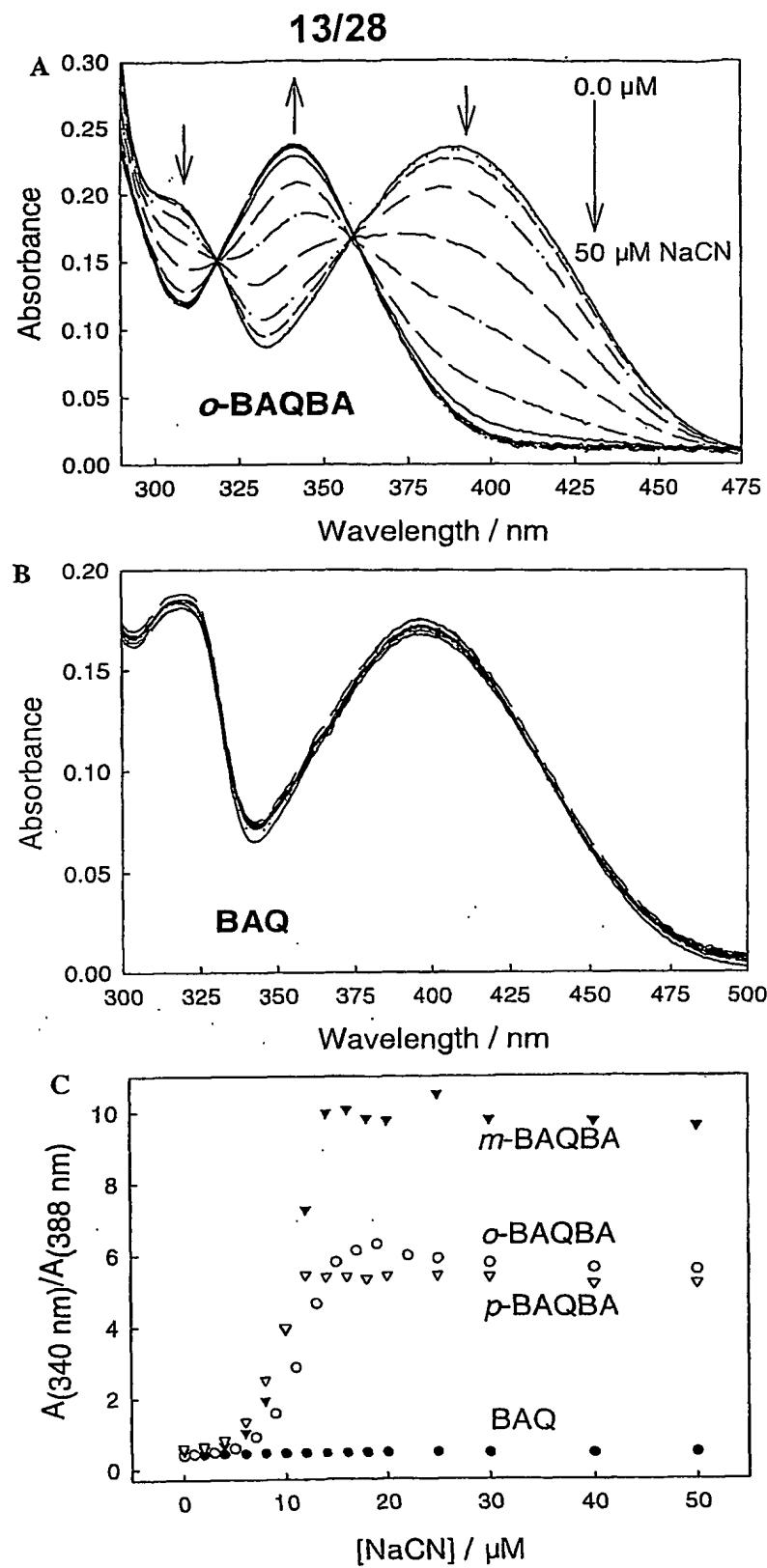
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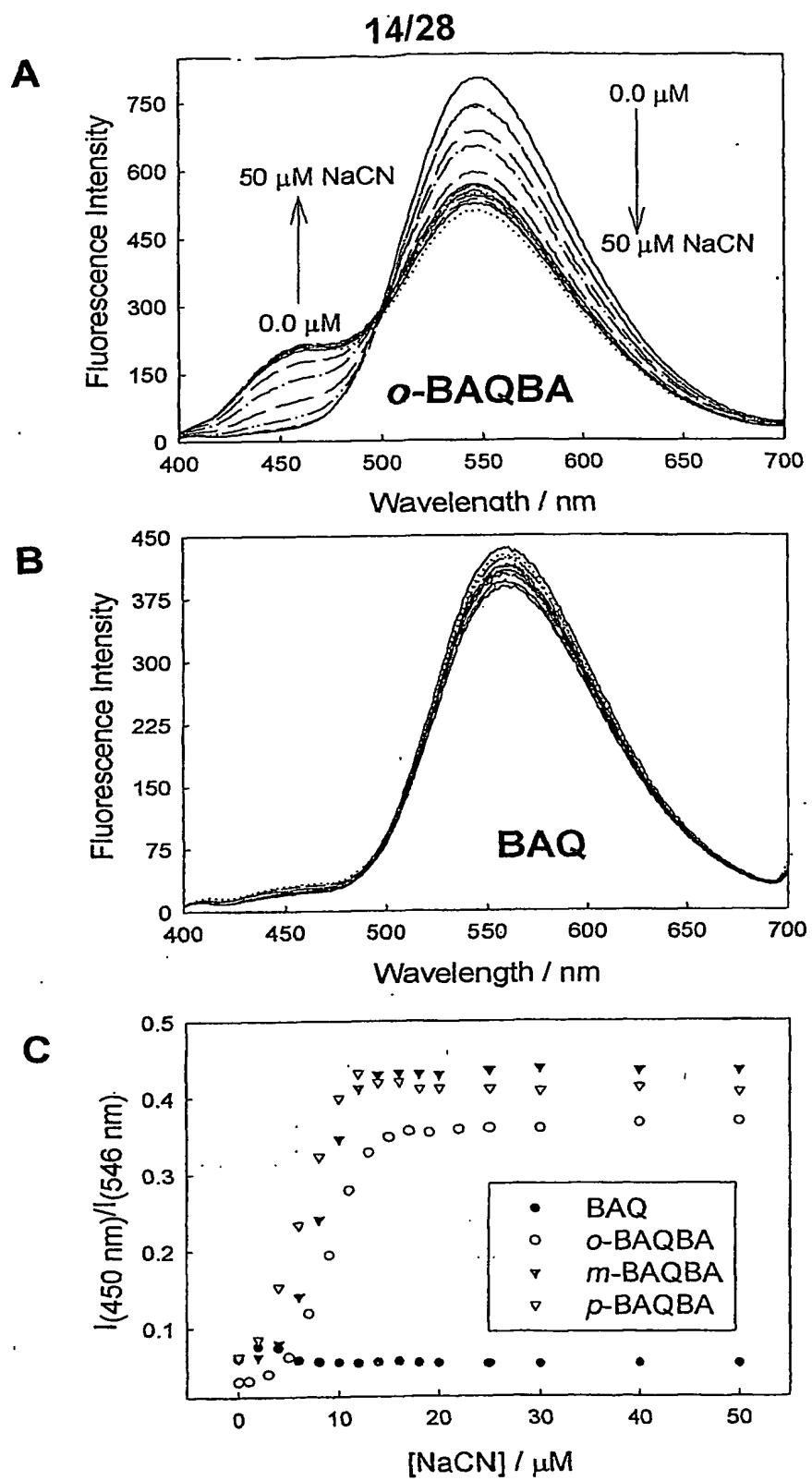
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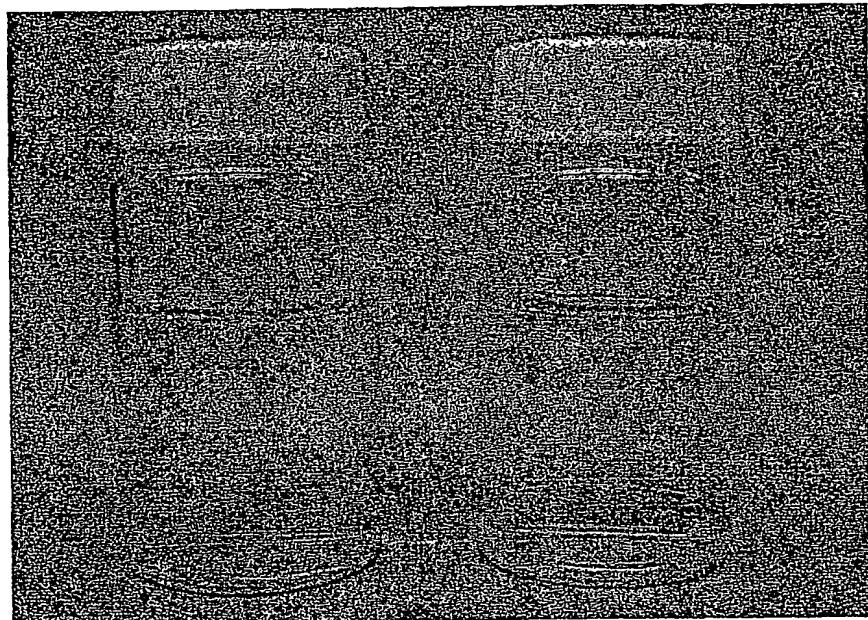
Probe	R <sup>1</sup>	R <sup>2</sup>	R <sup>3</sup>
<i>o</i> -BAQBA	B(OH) <sub>2</sub>	H	H
<i>m</i> -BAQBA	H	B(OH) <sub>2</sub>	H
<i>p</i> -BAQBA	H	H	B(OH) <sub>2</sub>
<b>BAQ</b>	H	H	H

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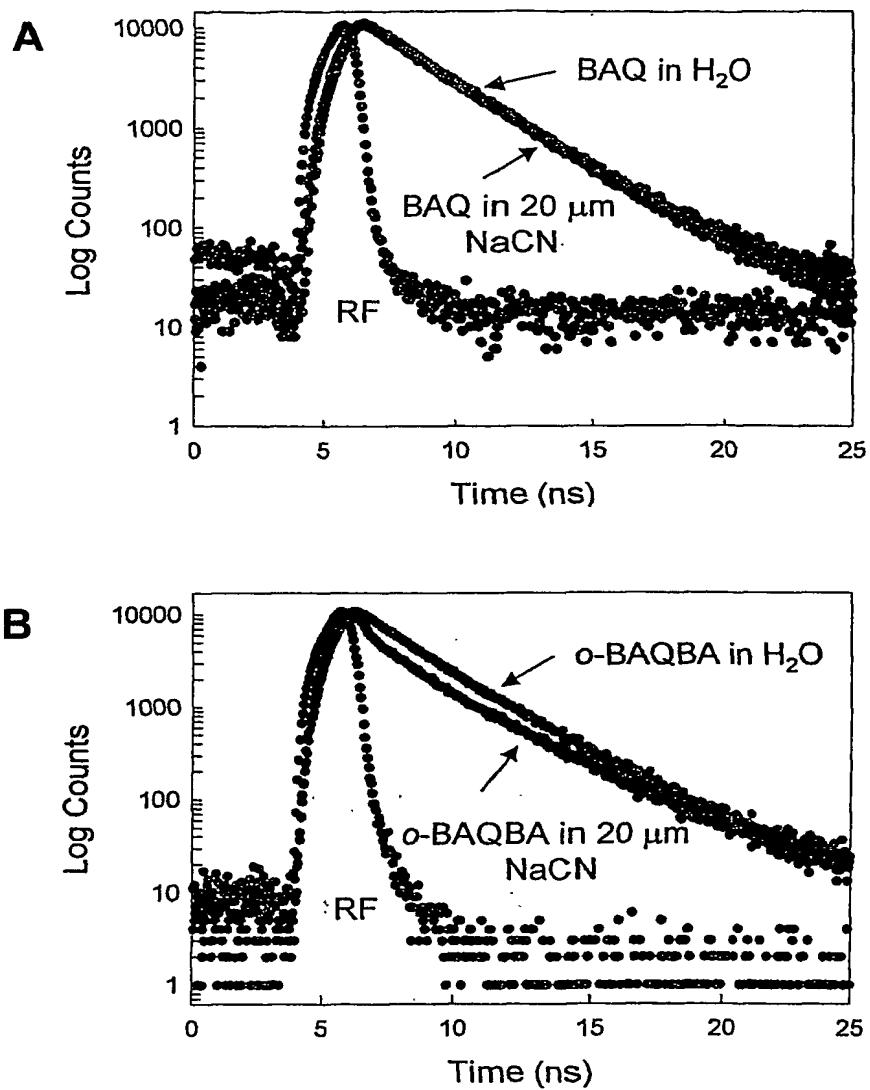


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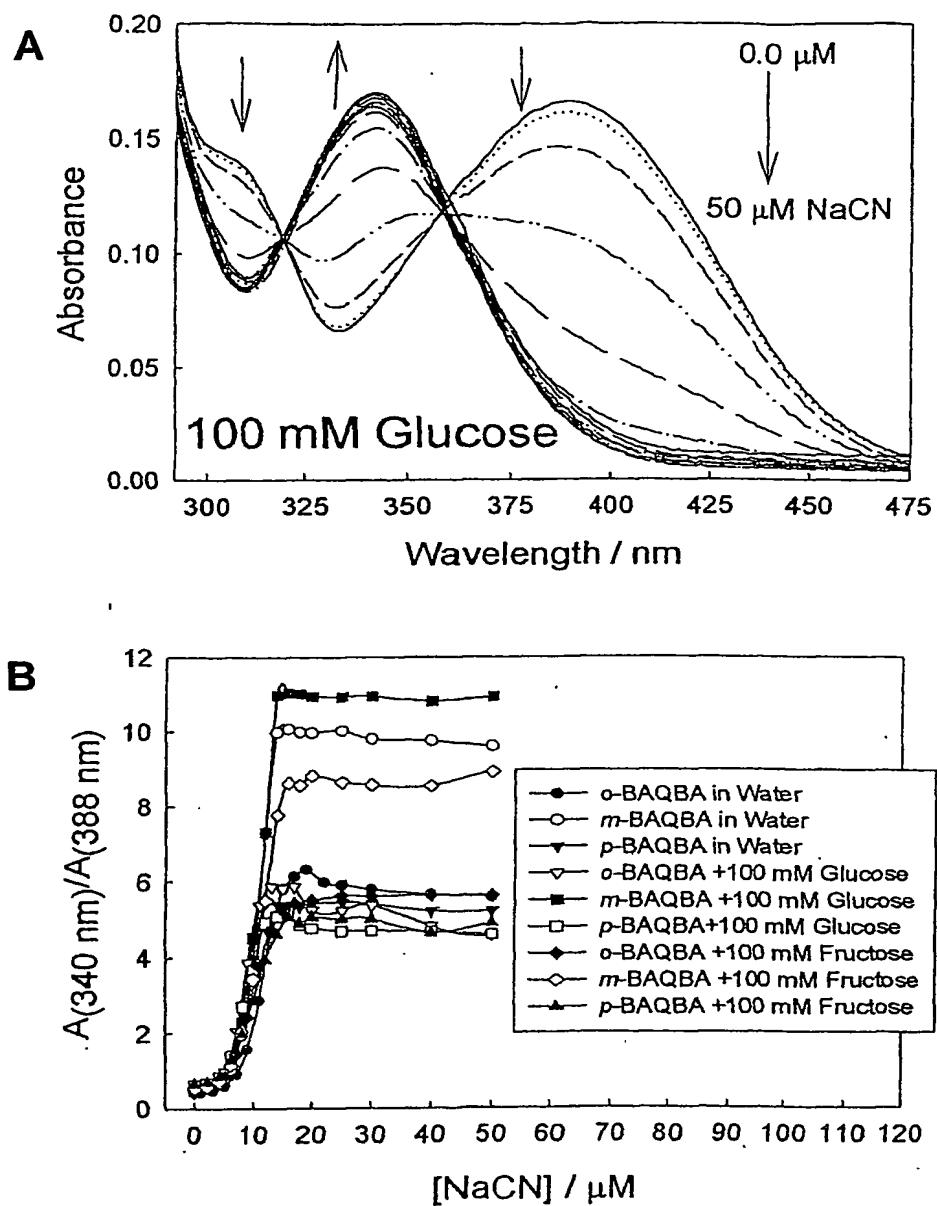
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**Table 4:** Multiexponential intensity decay of BAQ and *o*-BAQBA

[Cyanide] μM	$\tau_1$ (ns)	$\alpha_1$	$\tau_2$ (ns)	$\alpha_2$	$\tau_3$ (ns)	$\alpha_3$	$\bar{\tau}$	$\langle \tau \rangle$	$\chi^2$
<b>BAQ</b>									
0	2.48	1	-	-	-	-	2.48	2.48	1.10
2	2.48	1	-	-	-	-	2.48	2.48	1.02
4	2.49	1	-	-	-	-	2.49	2.49	1.19
6	2.49	1	-	-	-	-	2.49	2.49	1.32
10	2.49	1	-	-	-	-	2.49	2.49	1.18
16	2.49	1	-	-	-	-	2.49	2.49	1.28
20	2.47	1	-	-	-	-	2.47	2.47	0.89
<b><i>o</i>-BAQBA</b>									
(380 nm) <sup>a</sup>									
0	2.04	0.71	3.41	0.29	-	-	2.59	2.44	1.06
2	2.02	0.68	3.367	0.32	-	-	2.61	2.45	0.99
4	1.98	0.67	3.37	0.33	-	-	2.61	2.44	0.94
6	1.92	0.62	3.23	0.38	-	-	2.59	2.42	1.06
8 <sup>c</sup>	1.55	0.41	2.98	0.59	-	-	2.60	2.39	1.53
10 <sup>c</sup>	0.67	0.19	2.64	0.81	-	-	2.53	2.27	2.15
12.5	0.44	0.22	2.60	0.78	-	-	2.50	2.12	2.37
	0.21	0.17	2.07	0.63	3.99	0.20	2.76	2.14	1.08
15	0.38	0.28	2.61	0.72	-	-	2.49	1.98	2.18
	0.21	0.23	1.85	0.44	3.46	0.32	2.71	1.97	1.01
20	0.38	0.30	2.65	0.70	-	-	2.52	1.97	2.47
	0.19	0.24	1.69	0.39	3.36	0.37	2.72	1.95	1.12
(550 nm) <sup>b</sup>									
0	1.99	0.63	3.19	0.37	-	-	2.57	2.43	0.99
2	1.93	0.59	3.15	0.41	-	-	2.58	2.43	0.98
4	2.04	0.70	3.39	0.30	-	-	2.60	2.45	1.07
6	1.87	0.51	2.97	0.49	-	-	2.53	2.41	1.10
8	1.86	0.55	3.14	0.45	-	-	2.60	2.44	1.01
10	1.75	0.48	3.10	0.52	-	-	2.63	2.45	1.17
12.5	1.85	0.61	3.48	0.39	-	-	2.74	2.49	1.03
15	1.32	0.31	2.93	0.69	-	-	2.66	2.43	1.25
20	1.19	0.30	2.97	0.70	-	-	2.71	2.44	0.92

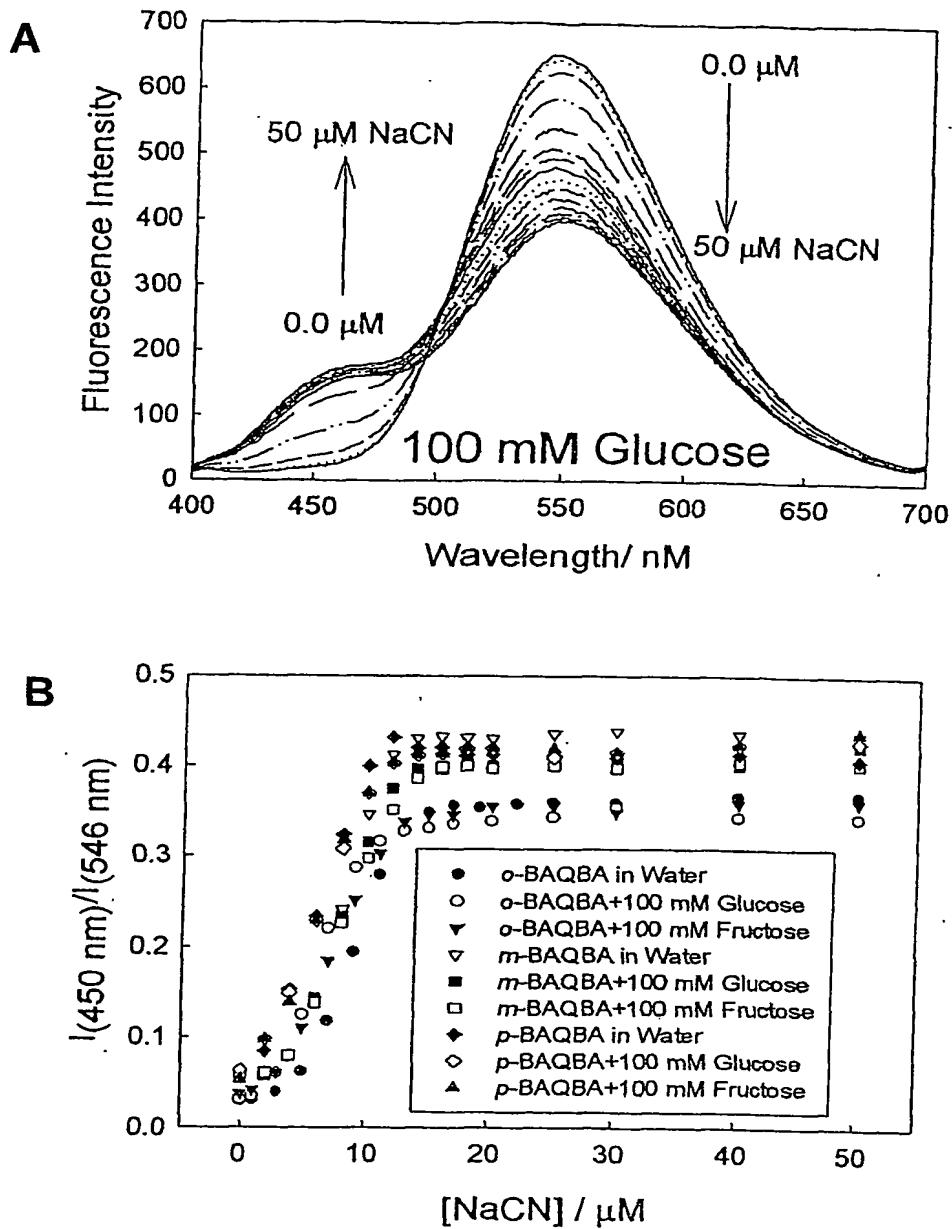
<sup>a</sup>380 nm long-pass filter.<sup>b</sup>550±10 nm interference filter.<sup>c</sup>No notable improvement in fit could be obtained using a 3-exponent function. Similar values were also found for the *meta*- and *para*-BAQBA probes.**FIGURE 17**

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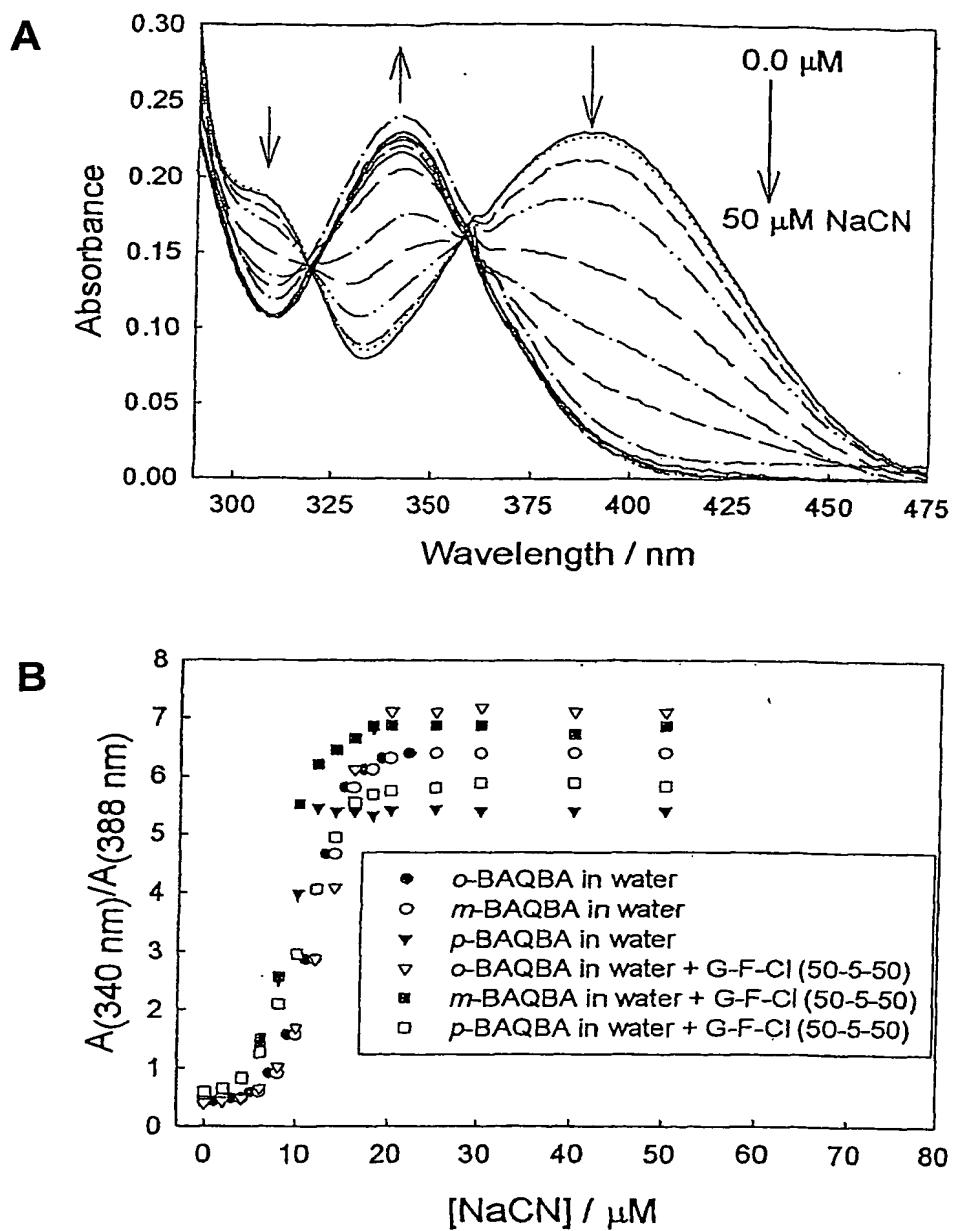
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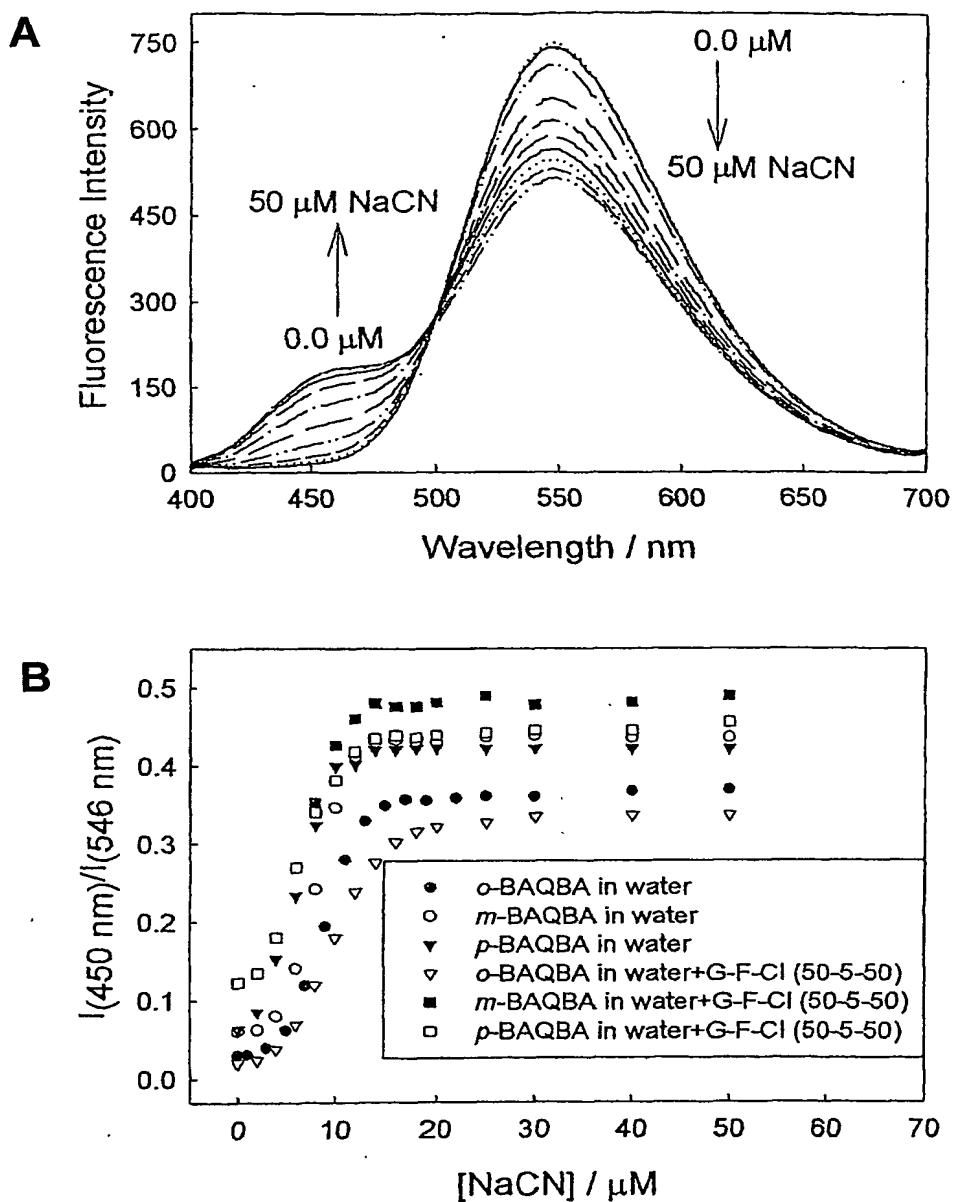


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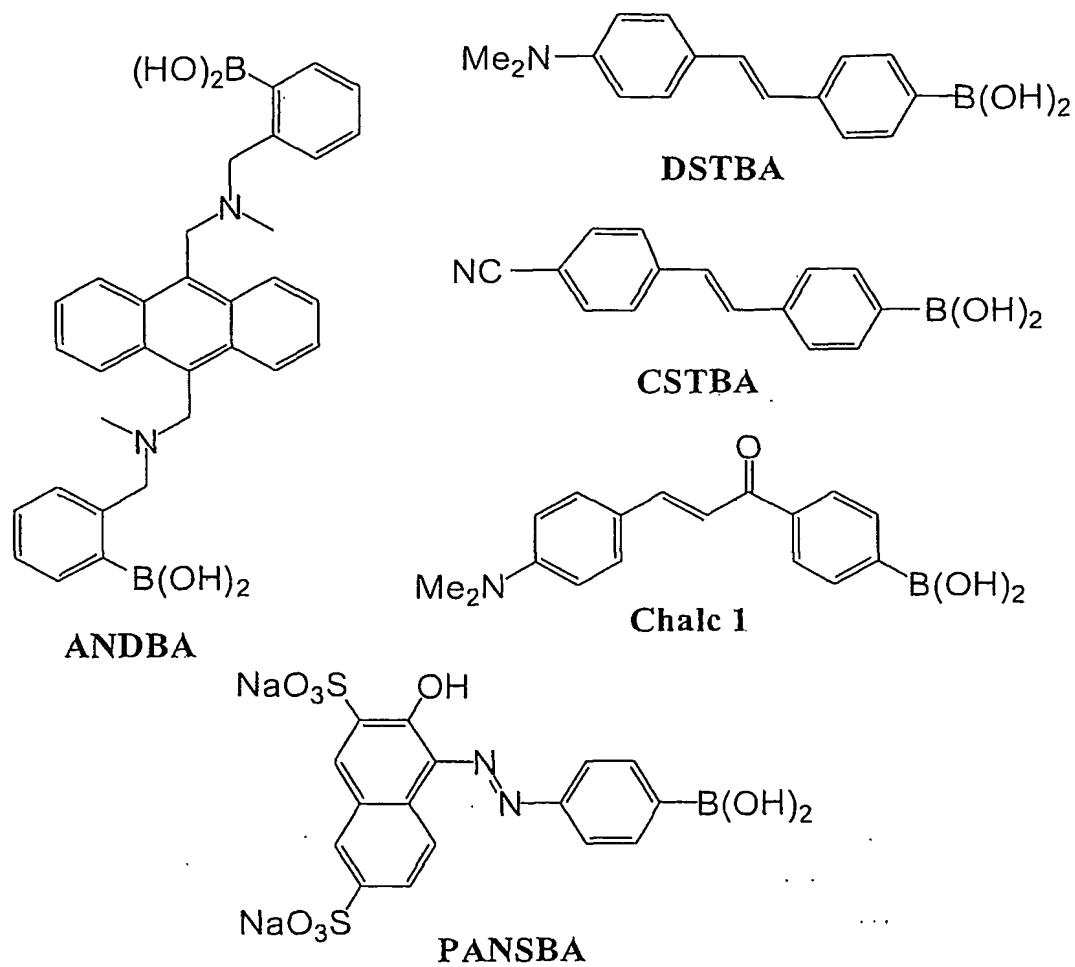


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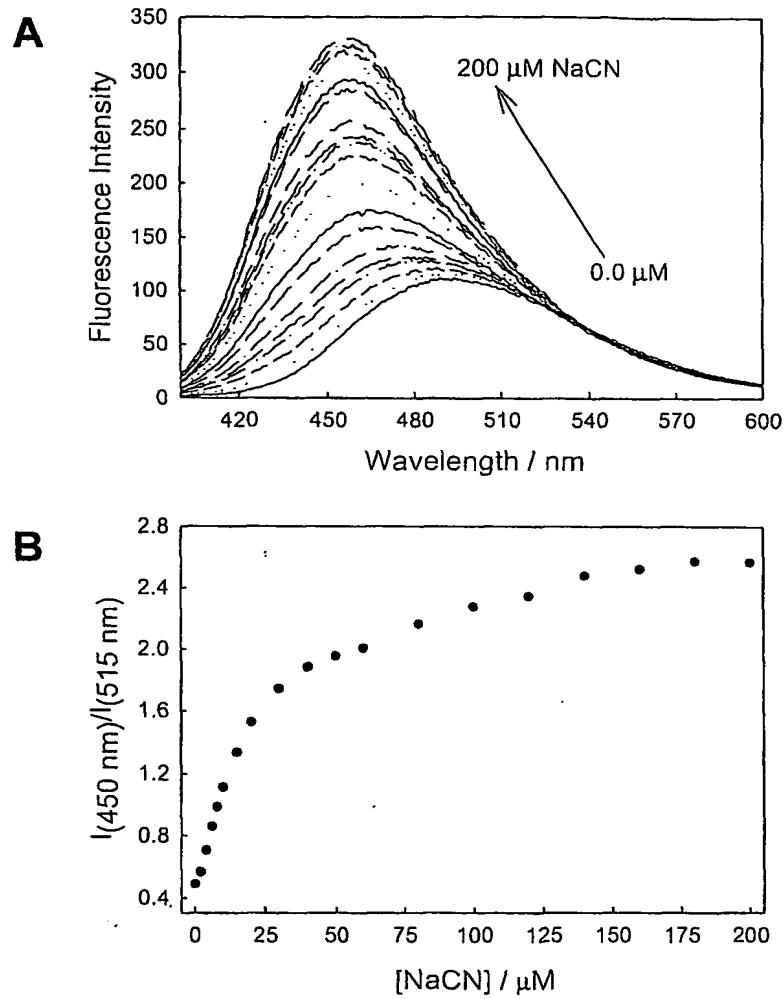
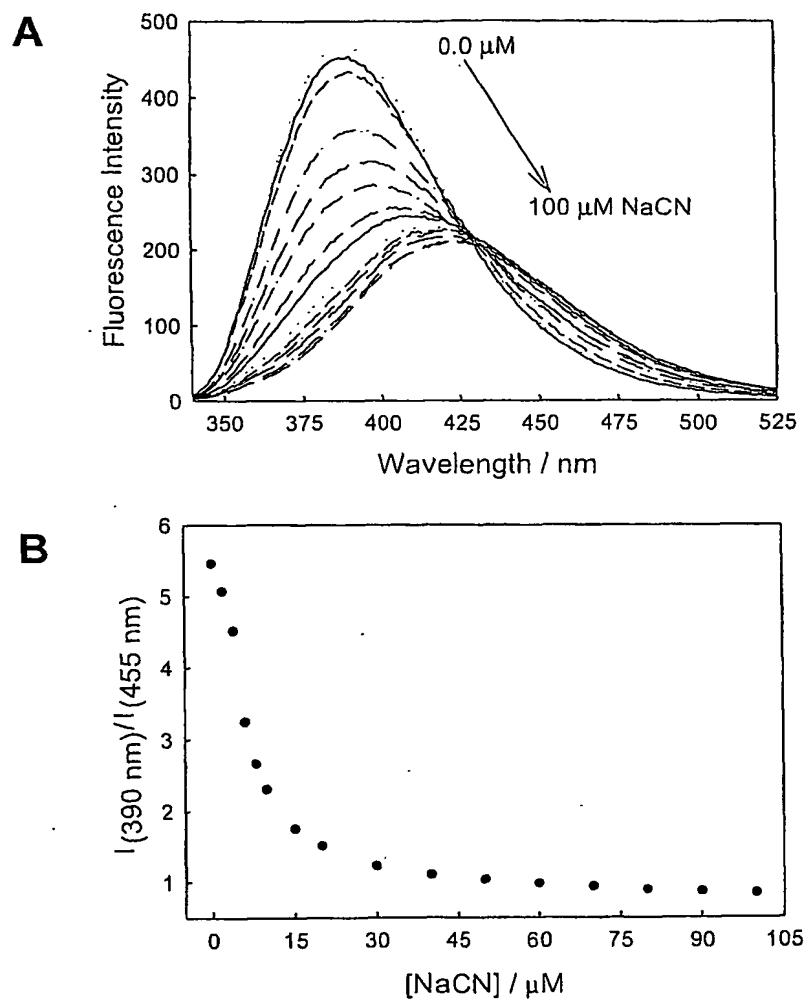
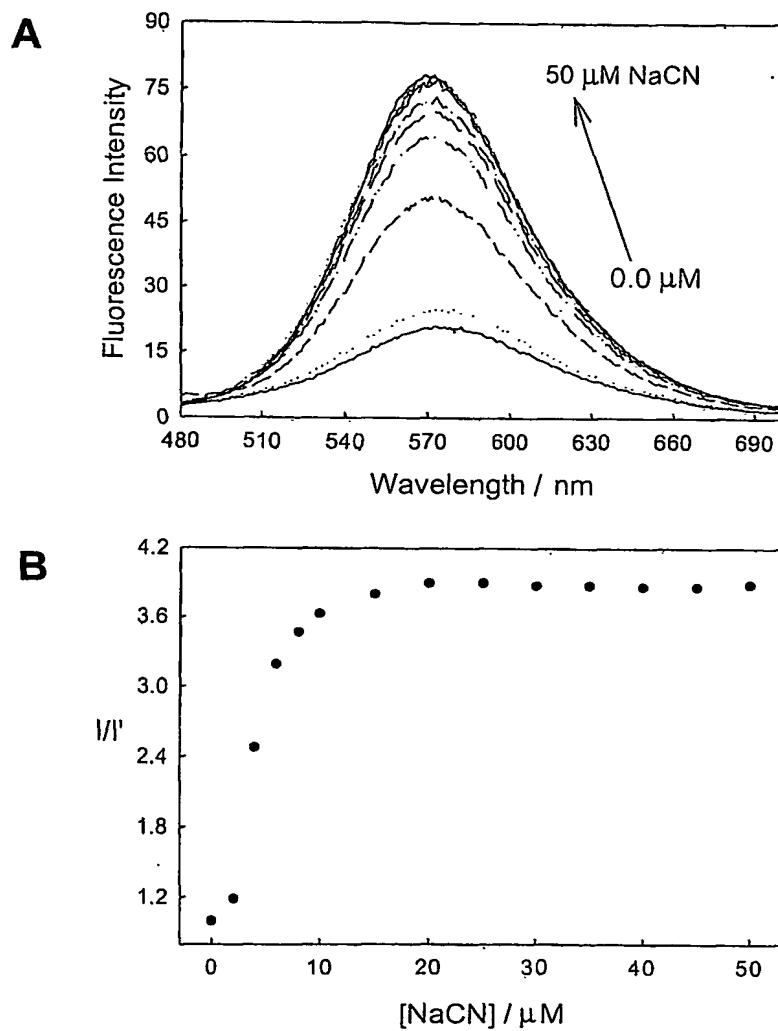


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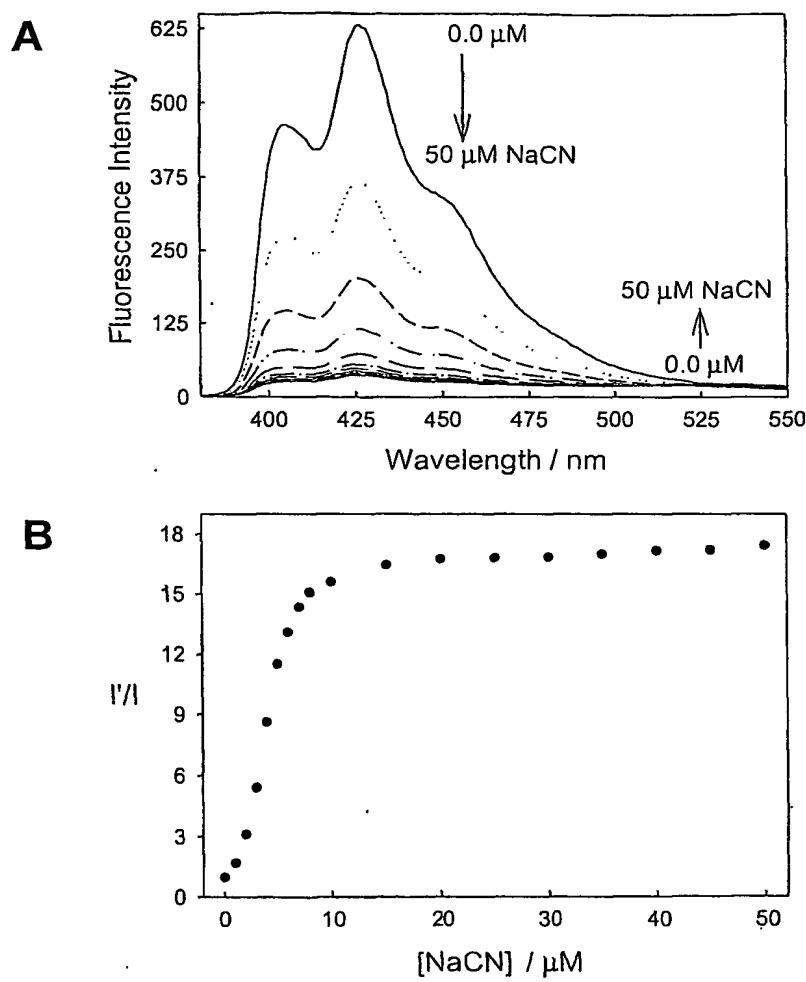


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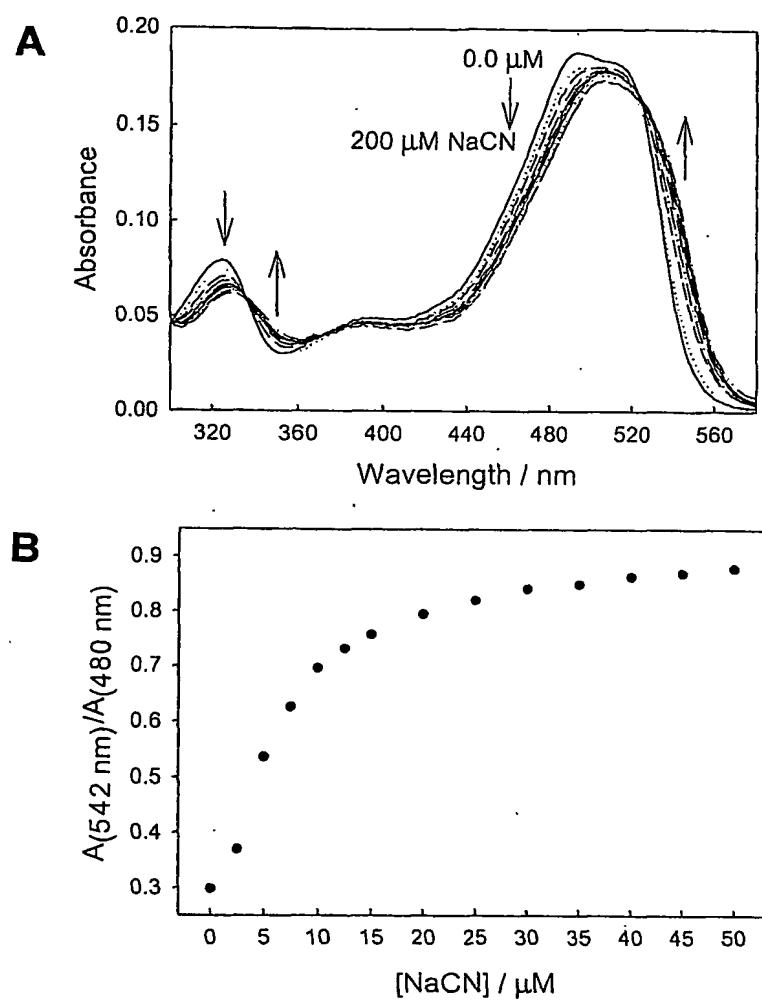
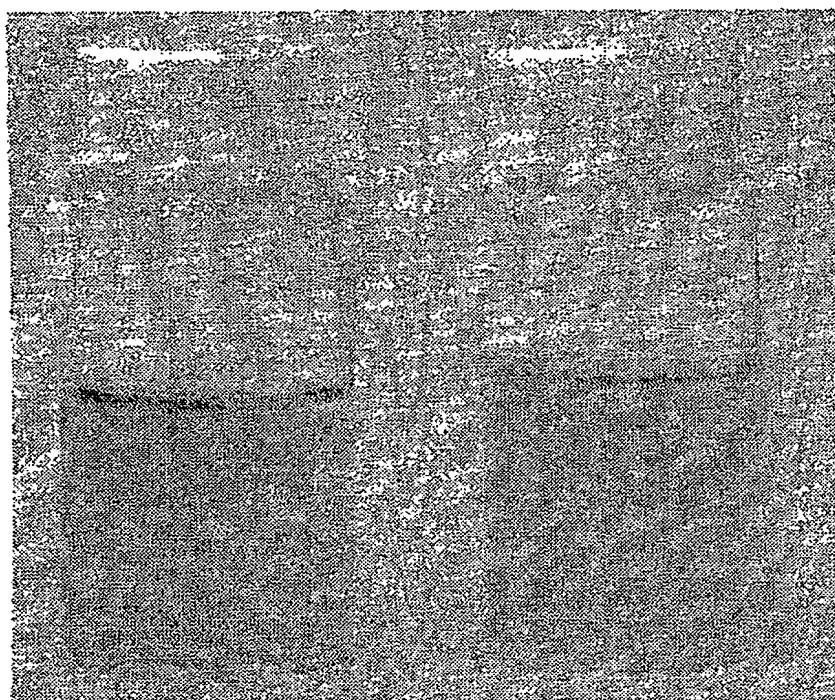


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